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CHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
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Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,
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Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,... 5,000,000 Dollars.
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COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JAMES GREIG,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged from what it has been before, and by that means elegance or worthlessness can be discerned. A story should be judged by its true or false bearings, so that right and wrong may be distinguished. These remarks apply to the case in which Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak were, on the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1875), slandered by Lai Ming Chun.

Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak have been residing for more than ten years in Hongkong and have always been employed in representing Nam Pak Honge in their transactions with foreigners. While their character stands high, their conduct is excellent, and they have for a long time been respected by both Chinese and foreigners. They have not only not borne a name that is approaching to anything improper, but they have not in the course of all their actions done anything objectionable. Unexpectedly, however, slander came upon them unawares, but of course, when virtue stands high, reproach will come. They were therefore falsely charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which was void of all truth, with selling people for emigration abroad. They are indeed labouring under a false imputation from which it is now difficult for them to clear themselves. Our office, therefore, in punishing Lai Ming Chun for having done what he ought not to have done, ordered him—and he consents—to pay the sum of \$600; the amount of legal expenses; he has also by way of punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box for the benefit of the Hongkong Poor. He is further punished by having to pay the expense of advertising in the Chinese and foreign newspapers in the Colony, three of each, for the period of one month, a notice which will bring before the public his sin in this defamation. Reparations like these will, perhaps, allay, in a measure, the indignation which Messrs Tsang and Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others he ought in the first instance to enquire whether he himself is unblemished. Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is not one who is numbered among the gentry, nor is his name pronounced by the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely dilated in scandalous language and spread diffusely by word of mouth stories of the delinquency and pollution of (the good name of) Messrs Tsang and Woo. It was right therefore that Messrs Tsang and Woo sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice, and he was on the eve of being punished by the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately, however, Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity is expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and they deal with people liberally; with that end in view, they therefore prefer, instead of punishing him, as he rightly deserves, for giving him of the enormous crime of which he has been guilty. Having ceased litigation now, they have no resentment against any one, and by so doing, they cherish the friendly tie that exists amongst the Chinese class. They have also shown that in doing this they are inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake of a great warning. They are indeed fully sustaining the benevolent principles of the great men, and for this act of theirs, may the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs Tsang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL CIRCULATING HERALD (TSUN WAN YAT PO). Hongkong, February 19, 1876. mc19

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

THE principles of right or wrong will reveal themselves in course of time, and this saying is clearly set forth in the History of China. When undue reliance is placed on statements by word of mouth, a good argument is always wanting, and this is what the Book of Changes has always guarded people against. If a man is not guilty of anything seriously wrong, is it likely that he will submit himself to be killed?

With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who has no regard for anything. On the 27th day of the 10th Moon last year (24th November 1875), he slandered Messrs Tsangshun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by falsely accusing them of being engaged in the nefarious trade of selling people for the purposes of emigration, and that in their transactions they were in fact kidnappers. And finally, he recorded the same in the *Tsun Wan Yat Po*, (The Universal Circulating Herald), so that Messrs Tsang and Woo had thought of suing him before the local authorities, so that he might be punished for libelling people's character. Fortunately for him, however, Lai Ming Chun learnt in time of his own wrong in slandering the character of good men, and now he has voluntarily consented to pay the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in the sum of \$600, and to pay also (into the poor box) \$25 for the relief of the Hongkong poor; also, from his own funds, to pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese and foreign newspapers, three of each, for the period of one month, an article, in order to redeem himself from what he has been guilty of. But this, nevertheless, would not actually be sufficient to cover the enormity of his sin. The reason why Messrs Tsang and Woo condescended to these terms was because they had been advised by intimate friends, who urged that, inasmuch as both parties were Chinese men, how could they, Messrs Tsang and Woo, have the heart to see him (Lai Ming Chun) put in a gaol of the foreigners? So that it would be far better that they should

forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity proved to be as expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and it was thus that the matter was put an end to. This is sufficient to shew that Messrs Tsang and Shun are peaceful and quiet men, and that they have done a very good act. But Lai Ming Chun is a man who is very much conceited (*sic!*) the night pedestrian who thinks a great deal of himself, and one who falsely dilates in satire and railing. He began life in a very mean position, and is not of a respectable family (*sic!* the descendant of the pure and white). While in a menial position, he, moreover, offends his superiors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary were he to be banished beyond the frontiers, nor would it be too much were he to be put to the sword (*sic!* under the axe). Now that he is only fined in so small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune that he has escaped greater consequences.

ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1876. mc19

* This has reference to a Chinese story, which, in its moral, is very similar to the Frog and Bull story in *Aesop's Fables*.—Translator.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY, WILL BE HELD AT THE HEAD OFFICE, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, ON FRIDAY, THE 24TH MARCH, 1876, AT 3 O'CLOCK PM., FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1875.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 11TH TO THE 24TH MARCH, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

OLYPHANT & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1876. mc24

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS FOR THE DIVIDEND TO DEC. 31/75, AT THE RATE OF \$10 PER SHARE, CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE ON OR AFTER 20TH FEBRUARY.

BY ORDER,

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 28, 1876. ap1

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIMS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN PARTICULARS OF THE SAME TO THE UNDERSIGNED ON OR BEFORE THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1876.

AND ALL PERSONS BEING INDEBTED TO THE ABOVE ESTATE ARE REQUESTED TO PAY TO THE UNDERSIGNED THEIR SEVERAL DEBTS WITHOUT DELAY.

STEPHENSON & HOLMES,
Solicitors for the Executors.

2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 22, 1876. sp22

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY AUTHORIZED MR J. Y. V. SHAW TO SIGN MY NAME PER PROCRATI-

ON.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE ENTERED INTO CO- PARTNERSHIP FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1876, IN THE BUSINESS OF SHIP-BROKERS AT THIS PORT, UNDER THE STYLE OF MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

BANK BUILDINGS,

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED BRANCHES OF OUR FIRM AT HALPHONG AND HANOI. MR. E. CONSTANTIN IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN BY PROCRATI-

ON.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON

MONDAY,

THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1876, AT NOON, AT THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS, KOWLOON,—

FOUR WORTHINGTON PUMPS.

ROLLER.

DONKEY PUMP.

EXHAUST PIPES.

SUCCTION DO.

TERMS OF SALE.—CASH BEFORE DELIVERY

IN MEXICAN DOLLARS WEIGHED AT 7.1.7.

ALL LOTS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND ERRORS OF DESCRIPTION AT PURCHASER'S RISK ON THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

A STEAM LAUNCH WILL LEAVE PED

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Venice* from Calcutta, are hereby informed that owing to the delay in taking delivery, all Cargo now on board will be landed by the Undersigned at their Godowns at East Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.
Hongkong, March 9, 1876. mc16

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer *Patroclos*, are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 8th March, 1876.

Goods undelivered after 16th March, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1876. mc16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. *HOOGLY*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Friday, the 10th Instant, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee, before 4 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Thursday, the 16th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 9, 1876. mc16

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Quangse* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned, into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

All ammunition is being put into boats and will be landed at the Government Depot at Consignees' risk and expense, unless taken immediate delivery of.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
Agents S. S. *Quangse*,
Hongkong, March 10, 1876. mc17

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL
CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. S.
PATROCLOS, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 20th March, for shipment per S. S. *Nestor*, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 14, 1876. mc20

FROM CALCUTTA AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Flamingo* having arrived, Consignees of Ordinary Singapore Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Opium and Calcutta Cargo will be delivered from on board, and Consignees are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense without further notice.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 12, 1876. mc21

INITIATIONS.

COAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned.

Orders may be left at the Godown, Wauchi, with Mr. J. MACLEHOSE, or Leong An Yon, Kowchung, Pte.

LANDSTRIN & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1876. my1

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE
"SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE."

IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA
and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION
MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE
ADVANTAGE TO
A D V E R T I S E R S
IS OBVIOUS.

PILOTAGE.

VESSELS inward bound can secure Pilots from Red Island from this date. Outward bound Vessels can secure FIRST CLASS PILOTS by applying to the Undersigned at Fraya Central, No. 26. The Pilot-boat's Flag is No. 5 at the main-mast.

H. F. STUART.

Hongkong, April 5, 1876. sp5

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,
Kassel (Germany).
Sales Agent for China,
F. PRIE,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE
(Germany).

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"NINGPO".

J. M. RAYNER, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, Thursday, the 16th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc16

FOR AMOY, TAKAO AND TAMSUL.

Owing the inclemency
of the weather the Departure
of the Steamship
"HAILOONG".

Captain Abbott, for the above Ports, is Postponed until FRIDAY, the 17th, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc17

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS".

Captain Burnie, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc19

FROM BOMBAY AND KURRACHEE.

BRENCH Steamer *Asia* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at their risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1876. mc20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,
AND MARSEILLES;

Also,
BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT
LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *TIGRE*, Commandant Antinet, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPREK, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for his principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 22nd March, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 15, 1876. mc23

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Next U. S. Mail Steamer will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 16th April, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York, and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Bldg. S. Company will leave Shanghai via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 8 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, March 16, 1876. ap16

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 15, Douglas, British steamer, 884

Burnie, Foochow, Mar. 12, Amoy 13,

Swatow 1, General—D. LAPRAIK & CO.

March 12, Asia, French steamer, 888

Patao, Kurrachee Feb. 11, Galle 22,

and Singapore Mar. 5, Cotton—SIEMSEN & CO.

Mar. 16, Ningpo, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 16, Crisit, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

16, Great Republic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

16, Kwangtung, for Swatow, &c.

16, Prema, for Haiphong.

16, Thengalla, for Salagon.

CLEARED.

Quangtung, for Shanghai.

Borneo, for Manila.

Huiling, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Douglas, Messrs. Robilliard, Richardson, Scott, Woolatt, Kleinwachter, Direks, and 120 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Great Republic, for Yo-

kohama, Messrs. F. Chapman, Hitchcoo, J. W. Laing, T. E. Scriven, and 1 Chinese.

For San Francisco, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Pyle, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. House and 2

children, Mrs. Redwood, Mrs. M. Wendall,

Messrs. J. A. Camplon, W. Noyes, Morehouse, C. A. Andrew, child and maid, and 1075 Chinese.

Per Crocus, 936 Chinese.

Per Kwangting, for Foochow, Rev. Mr. Bembridge, and 142 Chinese.

Per Thengalla, 120 Chinese.

To DEPART.—Per Lombardy, for Singa-

por, Surgeon Major Turton and native serv-

ant, For Adun, Mr. P. Sacconi, 1 or

Galle, Mr. Andrew's ayah. For Southampton, Messrs. C. R. Bennett, Flowers and

European male servant, Surgeon General

T. Moorehead, and Lieutenant R. R. McCrae.

For Venice, Mr. and Mrs. J. Greig, infant

and European female servant, and Mr. J. de Cordova.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The French steamer *Asie* reports: fine

weather and light winds until yesterday

when experienced heavy rain.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports:

experienced light Southerly winds and

foggy weather until leaving Amoy, thence

to port N.E. winds attended with rain till

our arrival. At 8 p.m. on 12th passed a

Russian frigate bound North; 7.30 a.m. on

500 pds. from Kirangung on Ninepins. Star

in Foochow: Europe. In Amoy: *Lapwing*, and

Emeralda. In Swatow: *Adria*, *Foo-*

chow, and *Lord of the Isles*.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

25 sec., 3rd race, Scamp 3 m. 23 sec.; ditto, Foochow—1st race, Recruit 3 m. 20 sec.

MESSRS HEDGE & CO.'s Weekly Shipping Report, dated Pagoda Anchorage, 11th March, gives the following:

Arrivals During the Week.—March 5, Forget-me-not, from Amoy; 7, Kwangtung, from Hongkong; 7, Midge, from cruise; 8, Southern Queen, from Moulmein; 9, Douglas, from Hongkong; 9, Yung Ching, from Hongkong; 10, Fu-Sheng, from Hongkong.

Departure During the Week.—March 5, Yesso, for Hongkong; 8, Wan-tung, for Hongkong; 9, Peter, for Newchwang.

Shipping in Port.—Chun Sheng, Pallas, Lulu, Forget-me-not, Midge, Southern Queen, Douglas, Yung Ching, Fu-Sheng.

THE MACAO DIFFICULTY.

The following is a translation of the proclamation issued by the Viceroy of Canton in reference to the Patera Island Customs question, and the difficulties which have arisen from the proposition to establish a Chinese Custom-house on that island:

By Imperial Commission, Office of the First Rank, Vice-President of the Board of War and Viceroy of the Two Kwangs, decorated with the order of Shek Yang Pa To Lo, Liu, issues this proclamation for the information of the people.

Whereas the merchants Ma Ching and others of the Tung Tsai Tong have petitioned for the removal of the Customs station to Wan Tsai (Patera Island), the object being the convenience of the merchants themselves; And Whereas a communication from the Portuguese [authorities] has been received, claiming that the place in question belongs to them,—an announcement which is so startling to one's hearing that we are obliged to dispute it with them, thus being the territory of our country, of which we cannot, without authority, give away a single foot or even an inch to other people, though for the purpose of a Customs Station, we can have a site elsewhere than at Wan Tsai; And Whereas these merchants have now petitioned for the establishment of a Customs Station at Siu Mal Chow (the smaller island of that name), and for an examination office at Wan Tsai (Patera Island) where goods can be examined; I, in compliance with the petition which these merchants have presented, consider it necessary that regulations should be at once drawn up for carrying the petition of this prayer into effect, in order to meet the wishes of the public. At the same time information to this end should be communicated to the Governor of Kwantung and to the Hainan, so that they may be able to report on the regulations forwarded herewith.

Issued this 17th day of the Second Moon, Kwangtung Second Year (12th March 1876).

Swatow.

March 14, 1876.

The Danish barque *Fyen*, British barque *Salacia*, and German barque *Velos* arrived here on the 10th from Chefoo via Amoy. The German schooner *Japon* left the same day for Taku, also the British steamer *Swatow* for Tientsin, and the *Abbotsford* for Singapore with 650 passengers and general cargo. The British steamer *Foochow* arrived here yesterday from Shanghai, the German brig *Frohlich* from Chefoo via Amoy, and the British barque *Eleazar* from Saigon. The British ship *Woodlark* cleared yesterday for London, with 1,265 tons of sugar; she proceeds to sea to-night and will be towed out by the steamer *Rajah*. The British barque *Charley* leaves tomorrow for Taiwanfo at 2 p.m.

A steamer signalled from the North, supposed to be the steamer *Lord of the Isles* from Shanghai.

China.

FOOCHOW.

(*Foochow Herald*, 9th March.)

Notwithstanding the indecency of the weather and the absence from the port of several members of the community, there was a good muster of residents at the theatre last evening. The occasion was the fourth performance of the season, by members of the A.D.C., and we are gratified to add that the dramatic character of the corps was most worthily sustained by the actors. The timely arrival of H. B. M. S. *Midge* added considerably to the assembly, although independently of this welcome addition to its strength the audience numbered over fifty residents. Several of the "Blue Jackets" were evidently under the impression that they would be more at home aloft, and promptly acting upon their professional impulse established themselves joyfully amongst the gods. The proceedings were opened with "Whitebait at Greenwich," a well known farce by Mr J. M. Morton, and one which has been presented to a Foochow audience on several previous occasions; but, never, perhaps to greater advantage or with a better caste than last evening. The play itself is full of laughable incidents, and the plot, although extremely simple, is intelligible throughout, and we feel bound to say that the representation was clear and correct. In the interval, the audience were favoured by Mr Alfred with a recitation—"Miss Evans and the Eagle," followed by another recitation, from Mr Timber, the subject of which was the well known poem by Mr Glassford Bell, entitled "Mary Queen of Scots." A farce, by Mr Brough, entitled "Number One Round the Corner," brought the evening's programme to a termination.

The Taotai of Formosa, after having received fresh instructions from his immediate superior—the new Futsai—left yesterday for Tai Wan-fu, in one of the provincial gunboats.

The *Fuh Sheng*—sister ship to the new Chinese gunboat *Chien Sheng*—is expected to arrive at any moment. She is commanded by Lieut. Cotton, R.N., and manned by sailors from the British Navy.

The disorderly Honan troops—who for months past have been a source of trouble to the authorities and to themselves to the

peaceful inhabitants of the City—are about to be disbanded and conveyed to their native province.

In connection with the late Race Meeting at Hongkong, we learn that *Benachie*—an old favorite on the Foochow turf—was so badly injured as to necessitate his destruction. Few Foochow-owned ponies have gained greater laurels than old *Benachie*.

A battery of 6 muzzle loading cannon, recently purchased by the Provincial Government, arrived per S.S. *Europe* on the 28th ultimo. They were landed at the Mamoi Arsenal and are, it is believed, intended for the defence of the newly erected fort at the Min-gan pass.

H. B. M. S. *Midge* arrived from Tamsui on the 7th instant, came up to the Settlement yesterday, and is now anchored off the Custom House. We understand that the crew will, in all probability, give another of their popular entertainments some evening next week. The Christy Minstrels will, we believe, appear on the occasion.

It is stated that M. Giquel has been authorised to engage a number of dockyard and shipbuilding artisans in France, for employment at the Mamoi Arsenal. Also that M. Giquel has himself entered into a new contract with the Provincial Government to serve, we presume, in his former capacity of Director.

Our correspondent at Pagoda Anchorage informs us that the Foot-and-Mouth disease has appeared amongst the cattle in that vicinity. An English herdsman, belonging to one of the foreign residents, died of the distemper only three or four days ago, and many of the native cattle are reported to be either dead or dying from the same complaint.

The Viceroy is said to have applied to the throne for an audience, a preliminary step it is generally believed to his retirement from office. As mentioned in a recent issue, it is by no means improbable that the rumoured withdrawal of His Excellency from the high position he now occupies is the result of strong representations at Peking in regard to the maladministration of provincial affairs, more especially in connection with the "Telegraph" and Anna questions.

The new Futsai—Ting-jeh-chang—entered the City between 8 and 4 a.m. on Friday last, the 8th instant—a strange hour, certainly, to select for a state entry, although strictly in accordance with the native custom in such matters. Enlightened though he be, the new Governor could not assume the seals of office without first consulting the secessors. These cunning men fixed upon the time named as the auspicious moment at which His Excellency might safely enter upon his important public duties.

We hear that the post of Director of the Foochow Arsenal, lately vacated by H. E. Ting-jeh-chang, now Futsai of Fokien, will be filled shortly. Two officials have been recommended to the throne as fit candidates for the position, namely Woo, late Superintendent of the Tientsin Arsenal and now territorial Taotai at that place; and Li, at present Customs Taotai at Tientsin. The most likely to get the appointment is said to be Woo, who is spoken of as an efficient mandarin and one who has had intercourse with foreigners for some years—not only at the Tientsin Arsenal, but also at Taotai at Swatow some years ago. He is a native of Ngan-whyu, and a protege of H. E. Li-Hung-chang, the great Viceroy of China.

While the officials at the Mamoi Arsenal are rejoicing over the departure of H. E. Ting-jeh-chang—the Imperial Commissioner—whose navy-captain-flogging propensities did not quite suit them, the Mandarins in the City are said to be in a state of great perturbation, in consequence of some unpleasant interviews that they have already had with the same personage. We learn from a very reliable source that certain sweeping reforms are impending. Amongst other changes, we understand that the new Futsai is determined to root out a number of opium smoking officials, so that we shall shortly, no doubt, hear of many of our old friends being deprived both of buttons and office.

That splendid building known as the Canton "Joss" House, was on Sunday last the scene of a very pleasant gathering of foreigners and natives. A few well known Tea Brokers and Compradores were the hosts, and a numerous and highly fashionable assembly of foreigners, including several ladies, responded to the general invitation so kindly issued. We also noticed a very considerable sprinkling of Chinese guests amongst whom were several native officials. The programme consisted of a dramatic performance (in Chinese, of course) interposed with vocal and acrobatic feats altogether beyond our poor powers of description but certainly remarkable for its noisy character. The gongs, drums, sack butts, and dulcimers gave forth music (?) of a sufficiently discordant nature to gladden even the ears of a late eccentric resident—he had been present; but the acting, as far as could be judged, gave much satisfaction to the audience, and the gorgeous dresses evoked loud expressions of admiration. The Tartar conjuror, so well known to many of our readers, was also present, and performed some neat feats of an exceedingly clever character. Nor were creature comforts forgotten by the various booths—a *bazaar* well supplied with foreign wines, cigar, and light refreshments having been thoughtfully provided. The evening's entertainment closed with a sumptuous dinner in the Chinese style, to which about 20 foreign ladies and gentlemen sat down.

BINXFO.

March 7th, 1876.—There is little news at our port just now. Mr R. E. Breden, who was for some time Acting-Commissioner of Customs here, handed over his charge to Mr. Commissione Dick on Saturday, and left the same day. The Ningpo Book Club was yesterday removed to a building on Kirby's property. The room has been nicely done up, and the plate looks very comfortable. The committee deserve great praise for their energy in getting the new place ready so soon.

Ducks and geese ought to thrive just now, considering the amount of rain we have had lately. Owing to the heavy downpour this morning, both the *Xiangze* and *Taiyuan* arrived late, as their respective pilots could not see the way. Towards the latter part of last month, a number of slabs of tin

were stolen during the night, from the godown of one of the houses. Up to date no clue has been discovered either of the thieves or of the tin.—*Shanghai Courier*.

HANGCHOW.

Feb. 29th.—You have frequently noticed the case of Yang-nai-wu, the scholar accused of aiding a woman to poison her husband in Yihang. Three days ago, he left this city under a heavy guard for Peking. It is said that about twenty witnesses, including the wife of the murdered man, her mother and the owner of the drug shop where the arsenic was bought, accompanied him. The long delay in starting was owing to the severe sores on his knees, which had been made by his being forced to kneel on chains. When the order for his transfer to Peking was received, five physicians were called in to heal up these sores as quickly as possible, but they were not easily healed. It is said that the Literary Chancellor, who had the case in hand, took the following method to elicit a confession. One night while the prisoner was before him, all the lights were suddenly put out. After waiting a while, the Chancellor said: "Did you not hear what that spirit said? I know all about this affair now, so you may as well own it."—The prisoner then confessed guilt. The other officers were called, lights brought in, and his confession taken down. This story is current, but I cannot vouch for it.

It is rumoured that the most important witness in the Yu-hang murder case, the apothecary, has died suddenly. He was sent in charge of two soldiers from the yamen to prison. They stopped to eat on the way. The apothecary, shortly after reaching home, was seized with pains in the stomach, and died. As this man would have testified to the pressure brought to bear on him by the Che-hsieh, he was sent in charge of two soldiers from the yamen to prison. They stopped to eat on the way. The apothecary, shortly after reaching home, was seized with pains in the stomach, and died. As this man would have testified to the pressure brought to bear on him by the Che-hsieh, he was sent in charge of two soldiers from the yamen to prison. They stopped to eat on the way. The apothecary, shortly after reaching home, was seized with pains in the stomach, and died. 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